(b) The posts could not be filled up as selections were held up on account of court cases arising out of seniority disputes.

(c) Selection for filling up the posts of Chief Reservation Supervisor has been initiated and is expected to be finalised by March 2002. The posts will be filled up immediately on finalisation of the panel.

Vacant posts of 'C' and 'D' Categories in NF Railway

2068. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of posts of 'C' and 'D' categories lying vacant in NF Railway for the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that several posts in NF Railway, belonging to these categories under Scouts and Guides and Sports quota, have not been filled up during the last three years;

(c) if so, the specific reasons for not filling these posts; and

(d) the effective measures being taken to fill up these posts under Scouts and Guides and Sports quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) Details of the posts of 'C' and 'D' categories lying vacant in Northeast Frontier Railway are as under :—

Group	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
'C'	5195	6352	6179
'D'	3209	3464	3475

(b) 11 Group 'C' and 14 Group 'D' posts have been filled up during the last three years against Sports quota, whereas no such recruitment has been made against Scouts and Guides quota.

(c) As a result of manpower planning exercise in order to right size the organisation, the recruitment to posts other than vital operational and safety posts are not required to be filled up. Large number of surplus staff are awaiting gainful redeployment. Since staff under Scouts and Sports account are also to be appointed against these posts, which are not required to be filled up, hence the recruitments have been kept to the minimum.

(d) Quota against Sports and Scouts and Guides will be filled up as and when feasible.